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THE NEW COLLECTOR
MUSIC bath elarum. Blinky D. McCaughin, the man who took a hand from the city to improve its public schools

DEAN GRAVES' NEW JOB
THERE is no other State with an institution as the University of the State of New York, to the presidency of which Dean Frank P. Graves, of the University of Pennsylvania, has been elected

THE DESERT'S PERILS
A libelous office of the Federal Probation Department has been in existence for a long time a cloud of scandal and dark implication

WHERE ARE WE NOW?
IN THE CONGRESSional power resolution is revealed by the Senate and House conferees marks an unmistakable step toward Representative Porter

A NEGLECTED MODEL
WHEN Viscount Bryce said on the occasion of the inauguration in London of the Sir George Watson chair in American history at the moment that these Parliaments be federated in such a way that a national Parliament representing the whole of Ireland also be created

in our behalf in the armistice and the treaties of Versailles, Trianon and Saint-Germain-en-Laye. A supplementary section seeks to deprive war slakers in the peace negotiations of any share in the peace

When the resolution is passed, as it inevitably will be and approved by the President, it will be possible for this Government to "engage under the existing treaty" or to call upon the German republic and two fragments of the former dual monarchy to negotiate separate pacts with us

As either of these courses could have been taken without the precedent formality of a congressional decree of peace, it is permissible to wonder just what has been thus far accomplished. Mr. Knox has witnessed the performance of considerable sections of his program. Mr. Porter has succeeded in safeguarding the main outlines of his formula

The personal aspects of the case and the triumph of the House over the Senate furnish interesting contributions to domestic political history. International problems have scarcely been grazed

THE JOB COMBINE IS STILL IN WORKING ORDER
It Has Once More Proved That It Is More Careful of the Interests of the Contractors Than of the Taxpayers

THE Job Combine in Council, when the issue was squarely presented to it last night, supported the interests of the contractors against the interests of the city

And it rode ruthlessly over all opposition in order to accomplish its purpose. The Mayor asked them to pass two ordinances, one appropriating \$1,250,000 for the purchase and erection of plant and equipment for cleaning the streets and collecting the garbage, ashes and rubbish for the entire city, and the other to authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for proposals and enter into contracts for the plant and equipment

The first ordinance incidentally directed that the collection and disposal of the streets in the whole city should begin on October 1. This merely meant that the city was to exercise its option embodied in the existing contracts to terminate them on October 1, an option the nature of which was understood when bids were solicited and was agreed to by every successful bidder

This course was followed by communications from the Chamber of Commerce, the Voters' League and the League Island Improvement Association. It was opposed by a letter from an individual taxpayer who did not understand the simplest facts of the situation and a protest from the contractors

The Mayor and representative associations of citizens were on one side. The contractors were on the other. The contractors won

Yet, President Weglein, with held hypocrisy, pretended that he was opposed to the continuance of the contract system. He quibbled about the ordinance passed last year permitting the award of contracts for part of the work, and pretended that the contracts might be awarded meant that Council had decided that they should be awarded. If he had not made that quibble he would have made another, for he and Montgomery and Limbuerger are tied up with the contractor combine in violation of the pledges on which they were elected

His resolution, which was finally passed, ordered the Director of Public Works to present to Council his plans for municipal street cleaning, "so that no time will be lost in preparing for the work" on January 1. Those plans have been on the desks of the members of Council for several days. This provision in the resolution was merely another subterfuge, the emptiness of which is apparent to every one who has been following the case

At the present moment the city is at the mercy of the contractor combine to which it has been betrayed by Weglein, Montgomery and Limbuerger

HOPE FOR IRELAND
IT BEGINS to look as if the problem of the government of Ireland was in a fair way of being solved

King George, when he opened the Ulster Parliament, made a conciliatory speech, in the course of which he expressed the hope that a way might be found for a peaceable union in Ireland within the empire

This speech was doubtless delivered to prepare the way for the conference in London between the British Prime Minister and the representatives of the North and South of Ireland to attend which invitations have been sent out

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tion lies in its simplicity. It lays down certain principles and it delegates certain powers to the legislative, judicial and executive officers. These powers are broad enough to serve all the proper functions of government

Legislation, properly so called, found no place in the Constitution until the prohibitory amendment was adopted. There was no doubt of the right of the people to put into the Constitution a provision forbidding the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages

No State Constitution is so simple as the Federal Constitution, and every one of them has been subject to frequent revision. The men who have framed them have felt that they must legislate instead of permitting the Legislature to make laws from time to time fitted to the varying conditions of business and social life

Our own Constitution is filled with a mass of legislative provisions of such temporary character that hardly a session of the Legislature passes without the submission to the people of amendments changing some rule laid down in the past

This has come about because special interests of one kind or another have wished to prevent the biennially elected Legislature from changing the conditions under which they could do business. It was the same thing which the prohibitionists wanted to insist that the prohibition of traffic in intoxicating beverages should be put in the Federal Constitution

An amendment empowering Congress to regulate even to the extent of prohibiting the traffic would have been in accord with the theory on which the Constitution was framed in the first place. But such an amendment would have left the matter at the disposal of Congress. A wet Congress could have repealed the laws of a dry Congress, and a succeeding dry Congress could repeal the wet laws. The prohibitionists would have had the matter to settle all, so that they would not be compelled to fight every two years for the things in which they believe

If the delegates to the Constitutional Convention in this State could persuade themselves to trust the wisdom of the Legislature they would model the new Constitution on the Federal Constitution, and would produce a document which would serve the needs of the State without amendment for a generation or two. But if they cannot do this it is morally certain that amendments will be proposed at the first session of the Legislature following the adoption of the Constitution which they draft

"WHAT ARE WE HERE FOR?"
NINETEEN ONE new Republican members of the House of Representatives held a caucus last night to find out what they had gone to Washington for

They have discovered that the business of the House is controlled and directed by men holding their positions because they have been in Washington a long time. They have learned that it is not the duty of a new member to do anything that they must wait the pleasure of the older men and that the older men seem in many instances to have forgotten what the country expects of Congress

These men are not planning a bolt. They are merely trying to discover where they are and what they can do. There are so many of them that they are astonished by the discovery that the old-timers have paid so little attention to them and to their suggestions

They are finding themselves in a position somewhat resembling that in which a lot of enthusiastic Republicans found themselves when they attended a meeting of a Republican ward organization in Brooklyn after the election of President Harrison. The ward was run by two or three men who gave orders to their followers. When the meeting was held in the ward officers after the Republican national convention, the new member to do anything that they must wait the pleasure of the older men and that the older men seem in many instances to have forgotten what the country expects of Congress

When they went into the room there was a lot of guys there, never seen before, and did not know who they were or what they were going to do. So I called the meeting to order and had one of my men move that we adjourn. The motion was carried because I did not call for the votes. The strange guys looked at one another kind of surprised like they had never seen me before and went home. We wasn't going to take any chances about losing control of our machine

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AFTER TWENTY YEARS

City Solicitor Smyth Recalls the One Electioneering Disaster in His Life. Peter J. Hughes and the Horse Trough—Also Jimmy Sheehan

BY GEORGE NOX MCCAIG
IT WAS in the Mayor's office. They were discussing old-time electioneering experiences. City Solicitor David J. Smyth told a story that brought up vivid memories of school days—and a reading exercise that began: "What strange scenes this earth of ours presents at noontime and midnight are not more opposed than the scenes that are passing before our eyes"

In the mutations of local politics the fact has not been lost sight of for years that in the present district City Solicitor was a candidate for the Legislature. It was in the Sixth District, which comprises the Thirtieth Ward, where electioneering was a party spirit ran in tidal waves in the Thirtieth. In fact today, in certain divisions, the old spirit and the new are in a fight survive to a most unusual extent

As a Republican candidate Smyth was desirous, in the interest of success, of attracting many Democratic voters to his chariot as he rode to the top. Particularly the Irish element, seeing that the blood of the old dirt flows blue in his own veins

JAMES B. SHEEHAN, otherwise "Jimmy," the Register of Wills, who, when occasion demands, can felicitate or flatter a political gathering, where a card and the shamrock are fetiches in a brogue that is as rich and sonorous as the bells of Shannon, was prevailed upon to make a speech, or several of them, on behalf of Mr. Smyth

"Not that 'Jimmy' Sheehan was a Democrat, but rather that he was and is Irish in name and in spirit," said the speaker. "And there were Irish galore then in that ward. On a certain night in the early fall of one of those years, the interests of the Smyth candidacy was arranged for the extreme northwestern corner of the district. To be more explicit it was at Twenty-third and South streets, where an open space where Grays Ferry road begins

There was a circular cement watering trough, six or eight feet in diameter and three feet deep, which at the time and it may be there yet, near the center of the aforesaid open space. That circular trough was the scene of the comedy of disaster which looks at it from the vantage ground of years

IN THE interest of economy, for the candidate legislative losses was then not overburdened with cash, it was decided to use the watering trough for the speaker's platform. The evening arrived and with it the crowd, notably a number of the younger and more militant Democrats, who were there like a dark menace on the outskirts

Candidate Smyth had addressed his "friends and fellow citizens" in an approved style with a particular appeal to the Democracy to help put a good man in office. "Then 'Jimmy' Sheehan like a second Demosthenes arose

PETER J. HUGHES was then the leading professional Democrat of the city. "Politically," Peter's right hand never left his left hand was not; whether it was for Quay, Penrose, McNichol, or Charles Donnelly and Tommy Ryan. Democrat with both hands open, so that all might see

As Sheehan rose to speak he felt a tug—his hand was held, while the voice of Peter J. behind him murmured: "Lemme up there, Jimmy. I want to talk to these Democrats myself. They all know me and I want to speak before they vote. With the gracefulness of Grattan, Sheehan introduced the imitable Peter J. Hughes as "that sterling Democrat." Then "Jimmy" Sheehan, the candidate for the Legislature, stepped forward and said: "from this large and influential district"

Peter buttered the candidate and spread his wings like a bird of prey. "I am old, decrepit, anemic one; if I were to take a Republican let us elect one that at least will know no party when it comes to the election of a Senator. Peter Hughes always maintained that it was his speech that elected David J. Smyth to the Legislature

THERE was, to coin a sobriquet, a progressive reaction among the militant Democrats on the fringes of the crowd as Peter J. stepped forward. First there were sneering allusions from the bunch. Then came muttered threats. Finally there seemed to be an unspoken but a general agreement that the young Democrat from the circumference to the center of the crowd and the speaker's platform

He had reached his prerogative. He was making what, in his own regard, he regarded as a "dashing finish." "If you want to honor your district, my fellow Democrats, and send to the Legislature a gentleman who will ably and adequately represent you in a non-partisan way, I beg to suggest to you the coming election for my friend, and your friend, David J. Smyth"

With a sweeping gesture of his right arm, Peter J. turned to the speaker and said: "I thank you," and he was gone. The signal the gang had been waiting for

BEFORE "Jimmy" Sheehan, with his right hand plunged gracefully in the V-shaped opening of his vest, in a Daniel Webster, could step forward the catastrophe of the election was averted

The untraced and untraced intemperately snuffed his attitude. Some pushed while others pulled on the slanks of the floor for the champagne of the world

They found themselves floundering in three feet of water with Peter Hughes' plug hat floating like a life preserver in their midst. But the gang had not finished. As Peter J. heaved his 225 pounds of soaking awkwardness over the rim of the trough, two dozen eager hands reached for him

Without waiting to grab his Stetson bobbing around on the sunbaked, silver-tongued water made a dash for it, and away he went, a man of footwork, was never equaled by Jack Dempsey or Carpentier. He hurried his way through the crowd, who across the intervening space, to South street and home. If he had the South Street Bridge, four blocks away, his enemies in hot pursuit

"NICE FOOTWORK, BUT HE NEEDS MORE'N THAT!"



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS
Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

DR. ROBERT H. SCHLESS
On Child Nutrition
INSURANCE against tuberculosis and other serious diseases is the accomplishment that makes the public work of caring for undernourished children one of the most important of public health work

Before discussing the purpose and the workings of our nutrition classes, said Dr. Schless, "it would perhaps be better to restate the term. Our classes are, in fact, clinics for delicate children, and the method we use in treating these youngsters follows a line that emphasizes more essential factors of body-building than nutrition per se"

Philadelphia has at the present time about twenty-five clinics, devoted entirely to the building up of undernourished and physically backward children. Of these, the Philadelphia Health Council and Tuberculosis Committee is operating fifteen and established three more of the remaining ten, which have since been turned over to other organizations for continuance

City Well Covered
These classes cover the city in a fairly balanced distribution. We have classes as far northeast as Upper Kensington, and as far southwest as Seventieth street and Woodland avenue. Schools, hospitals, and community centers provide quarters for our efforts. Each establishment is a nucleus into which are gathered the underweight children of the surrounding schools and community

Our children are first weighed and those 10 per cent or more underweight provide the material for our work. It will, no doubt, be surprising to know that about 40 per cent of the children weighed are found so far below their normal nutritional standard as to demand constructive health and body-building

These underweight children are given a most thorough and searching physical examination by physicians, whose training and interests are confined entirely to this branch of medicine. In a large proportion of cases simple and easily remediable defects are discovered whose presence alone account for the ensuing mal-development

Home Visits
Trained field workers visit the parents of the children and an intimate and interested co-operation is established. These children are referred to specialists for correction of the various defects found, after which the youngsters are, as we term it, "free to gain"

It is here that the nutrition class steps in. These youngsters, with one or both of their parents, are assembled in groups and met at regular short intervals by a physician and nutritional expert. Individual charts are drawn, portraying graphically each child's weight deficit and noting the weekly progress toward normal

Bi-daily rest periods are started for the fatigued group and in many instances the health council has provided cot and blanket for the purpose. Analyses are made of the youngsters' diet on record books kept by themselves with startling findings

Through the co-operation of the Interstate Dairy Council, 100 quarts of milk are supplied as necessary food for these children. Through our field workers their home hygiene is improved and their social condition bettered

As a result of these combined efforts, our children have shown remarkable improvement. Their weight averaging about ten per cent below normal, which is about seven times the weight gain of the normal vigorous child. It can thus be seen that it is simply a matter of a short while before these youngsters have been built up into sturdy, healthy young citizens

SHORT CUTS
A rainy spell—W-E-T.
What the asphalt needs is a brake.
These are the days when Mercury figures largely in the news.

The way Council sits, we are convinced it hasn't a leg to stand on. The big fight is C. O. D., the public providing the middle initial. Sir Ernest Shackleton is planning a trip to the Antarctic. Sounds pretty good this weather.

It is the general opinion in Washington that Mrs. Maria is the world's most masculine feminist. Another strong feature of the big day at Jersey City will be the ringlike performance of the trained seals. Now the question is, is the Weather Man a good fight fan? What the country wants is a haymaker while the sun shines.

The Pacific Coast has yet to learn the secret of Philadelphia's greatness. You Cattell 'em, doctor. You have the statistics. Senator Kenyon's proposed constitutional amendment reminds us that many a good horse would have come in a winner but for a fool rider.

Tomestone dealers are holding a convention at Asbury Park. The presumption is that in their search for a good time they will leave no stone unturned. Vice President Coolidge is not what one would call a hasty man. His plan for reducing armaments, therefore, does much to discount the fears of Secretary Weeks.

If it is true that the production of alcohol has become a menace to the big oil and fuel interests, the prohibition set in the chemists have more than the anti-boose people to fight. A New York firm, it is alleged, in order to avoid the payment of a luxury tax, listed a silver cocktail shaker purchased by Constantine Talmadge for her husband as "anti-boose" and "anti-tax" shaker. The firm perhaps confounded a cocktail shaker with a stirrup cup.

What Do You Know?
QUIZ
1. Who is credited with the organization of the famous "Lafayette" arm, which retook the French at the Battle of Marne in 1914?
2. What is meant by the expression "concentric circles"?
3. What State sent the most delegates to the convention which framed the Constitution of the United States in 1787?
4. Who was said to have a "literary man with a wooden leg and children who were open to him"?
5. Who was Tutuila?
6. Where is the famous volcano of Stromboli?
7. In what war was the population of the defeated nation reduced from 1,300,000 to 220,000?
8. What is the literal meaning of the word "antipole"?
9. What is sorghum?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. The words of the "Star Spangled Banner" were adapted by Francis Scott Key, a poet, who was a surgeon in the army. He was captured by the British and held in the Annapolis Arsenal, about 1795.
2. The Eiffel Tower, erected for the Paris Exposition of 1889, is 324 feet high.
3. Tiro de Molina, a celebrated Spanish playwright of the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries, who is credited with the character of Don Juan, the rake, who is the hero of the first time upon the stage.
4. A photograph is a thing written in light.
5. "Impertinent" is a Latin word meaning "let it be printed." The term is now used for an official license, a sanction and in a figurative sense, a sanction.
6. Harry M. Daugherty is Attorney General of the United States.
7. The flag of Argentina consists of three horizontal stripes of blue, white and blue, with a yellow sun in the white band.
8. The United States had claim to Oregon through the explorations of Captain Robert Gray, an American, in the spring of 1792, discovered the Columbia River, which he named after his ship, the "Tiger."
9. Frederick, an American, was a German physician, founder of a theory of natural medicine, called "hygienic medicine," which is based on the discovery of the germ theory of disease. He was born in 1815 and died in 1888. His name is to be found in several parts of Mexico.

A Husband's Plait
A Toledo man, whose wife sipped with a son by a former marriage, informed the bluebird's taken wing, I guess. The rose has shown a thorn. By wife distressed, by son beset. My grief now all may see. Observant couple, please lamp my pet. And bring her back to me. I face the melancholy truth. My son has set me wild. My sharper's taken wing, I guess. It is an ungrateful child. To every joy my heart is shut. O' laughter I'm afraid. All me that is for heart's sake. By a Toledo blade.

Once on a time, the poets note. One saw a serpent beneath her petticoat. But now her knees she shows. My Laura's robbed me of my ease. Her conduct makes me blue. And my heart her dimpled knees. Still beat a wild tattoo. She rolls her own. Observe her when she counts the street-car step. Be not too circumspet, ye men. And, maybe, you'll get her part. For if your eyes will see her. She never lingers to Art, but Art. She dandles on her knee. My happiness was dearly won. My wife were gifts; but why? I had a wife; I had a son? Nor wife nor son have I. The bluebird's taken wing, I guess. The rose with love was born. The bluebird's taken wing, I guess. The rose has shown a thorn.